

REMARKS

As to the objection of the disclosure, Applicants has addressed the informality noted by the Examiner, and note that in light of the Substitute Specification filed December 1, 2009, the informality appears on page 12, line 18 and not page 11, line 22 as referred to by the Examiner.

The Examiners are thanked for the courtesy of the personal interview during the afternoon of June 28, 2010 at which time the proposal forwarded by facsimile on June 25, 2010 was discussed. Although the Examiner appeared to agree that the proposal along with the additional functional language "to prestress...the distal end of the probe" defines over the prior art of record, in particular, over the Wilk et al, Finn et al and/or Siegmund documents, the amendments raise new issues requiring further search and consideration. Accordingly, Applicant is filing an RCE along with the amendments.

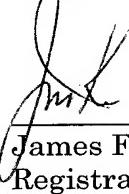
Given that a *prima facie* case of obviousness is not present based on the evidence in the record, early and favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event any additional issues require resolution.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 102435.57668US).

Respectfully submitted,



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